TRANSMITTAL LETTER Docket No. 0111 (General - Patent Pending) In Re Application Of: Balmer et al. **Group Art Unit** Confirmation No. Customer No. Examiner Application No. Filing Date 2853 1775 09/977,175 Lam, Cathy Fong Fong 10/12/2001 MENSIONAL WELDING ROD AND SURFACE COVERING Title: **COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:** Transmitted herewith is: Response After Final (14 pages), Notice of Appeal (2 pages), Petition for Extension of Time (1 page), Copy of page 8 of Office Action filed December 22, 2003, Change of Correspondence Address, Check (\$750.00), and Return Card in the above identified application. No additional fee is required. is attached. A check in the amount of \$750.00 012400 The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. as described below. Charge the amount of \boxtimes Credit any overpayment. Charge any additional fee required. \boxtimes glan E Wit Dated: July 28, 2004 Douglas E. Winters Reg. No. 29,990 certify that this document and fee is being deposited

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 1 and 2. These sheets, which include Figures 1 and 2, replace the original sheets including Figures 1 and 2. The Figures have been amended by printing them on A4 paper, moving the labels "Figure 1" and "Figure 2" further down on the page, shortening the right hand side of the horizontal line in Figure 2, and moving the reference numeral "1" in Figure 2 to create proper margins.



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Balmer et al.	Examiner: Lam, Cathy Fong Fong
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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed March 2, 2004. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification: None

Amendments to the Claims: None, the claims presently on file are listed beginning at page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings: None, explanation of missing page 8 from the previous Amendment and Response begins on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.